

MINUTES OF THE GALENA CITY COUNCIL, GALENA, KANSAS, JULY 19, 1967

The council of the city of Galena met in an adjourned session in the council chamber at the city hall at 7:00 p.m., July 19, 1967.

Present: Councilmen Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman.

Absent: Councilman Cure.

Presiding: Mayor Frank P. Dillon.

Invocation: Mayor Dillon.

Councilman Piercefield discussed the traffic hazards created by juveniles riding motorcycles without licenses. He explained that by adopting new state traffic laws, currently being studied by the department, the problem could be solved. No action was taken on the matter.

Councilman Piercefield moved, seconded by Councilman Karr, that three (3) stop watches be purchased from the Police Revolving Fund costing \$9.75 each for use in the Police Department as well as a gun case. On roll call the vote was as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None. Passage of the motion was declared by Mayor Dillon.

Following discussion of the need for additional water lines, Councilman Watkins moved, seconded by Councilman Pittman, that the Cemetery Committee be granted authority to investigate and to extend the water main in the Oak Hill Cemetery area if they deemed it so necessary. Motion carried viva voce.

Councilman Piercefield moved, seconded by Watkins, that the Service Committee investigate together with the city attorney the area in Empire that was in use by three or four families to determine the legality of certain property being fenced and to bring back to the Council their recommendations on the matter. Motion carried on a show of hands.

Councilman Pittman reported a complaint by residents desiring the opening of an alley at 8th and Dewey. Councilman Pittman moved, seconded by Watkins, that the Street Department take the necessary action needed. Motion carried by a show of hands.

City Marshall Hamlin reported additional traffic problems at Seventh and Main Streets after 11 p.m., and requested the traffic light be placed on regular timing and removed from the amber caution that was in existence. Motion carried viva voce. (Pittman moved, seconded by Piercefield, that lights be placed on regular timing.)

Councilman Karr discussed the financial problems being incurred by the Swimming Pool Department, however, no action was taken as the matter was tabled pending further study of the situation.

Councilman Karr moved, seconded by Pittman, that six (6) loads of dirt be purchased for use within the Oak Hill Cemetery; additional expense incurred in wiring at Schermerhorn Park and repairing gates at the Park. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - none.

Councilman Karr moved, seconded by Pittman, that approval be granted for the purchase of 25 gallons of paint required in the recent painting of the swimming pool. Motion carried on roll call vote: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Councilman Pittman moved, seconded by Barker, that the Street Department place a gate across Ninth and Water to curtail traffic at the Junior League Ball Park. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Mayor Dillon read a communication from Gilbert Wilkins who complained of improper sewage disposal at or near 1621 Galena Avenue. No action was taken in the matter.

Ordinance No. 529, an ordinance for making payment of certain claims, was introduced by Councilman Watkins; the meeting being public the ordinance was discussed and amended. The ordinance was approved by roll call vote on its third and final reading as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Following the reading of the proposed 1968 budget as prepared by Barrett & Cusack by the city clerk, Councilman Watkins moved, seconded by Pittman, that the budget be approved and adopted as read. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Mayor Dillon declared the motion passed. (Budget hearing - final - to be held 9th day of August, 1967, 7 o'clock in the council room at City Hall.)

Mayor Dillon read the resignation of James Roberts, Superintendent of Public Works, to be effective July 21, 1967. Councilman Pittman moved, seconded by Barker, to accept Mr. Roberts' resignation. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman.

Robert J. Lacy's resignation as patrolman was read by Mayor Dillon. Councilman Piercefield moved, seconded by Watkins, that the resignation of Mr. Lacy be accepted. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman.

Councilman Barker moved, seconded by Watkins, that Rex Gandy be placed in charge temporarily of the Street and Water Departments. Motion carried via a show of hands.

Councilman Watkins moved, seconded by Piercefield, that Mr. Gandy receive the wages of the superintendent while in charge of the Street and Water Departments. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None. Passage of the motion was declared by Mayor Dillon.

Mr. William Hollis, representative of the Kansas State Telephone Company, discussed with the council details of a franchise agreement which his firm had drawn and presented to the Council. It was agreed that base rates would exist within the city limits and mileage would not be charged within the corporate limits of the town and that a representative of the firm would appear before the Council in the future at the request of the Governing Body when it deemed it necessary to discuss and discharge problems unforeseen at this time.

Councilman Piercefield moved, seconded by Watkins, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried on a show of hands.

Mayor

Letty L. Chesnut
City Clerk